Brunei February 1938

Underpaid letter from Brunei to Vancouver, Canada postmarked 9 February 1938 on copies of the 2 cents and 4 cents of 1924. The rate was 8 cents and the deficiency was 2 cents.

On the obverse is an unlisted Brunei "T" (Taxe) mark and a red manuscript "10 Centimes" indicating double the deficiency in gold centimes. In Canada a green boxed "2 Cents/ Due" was applied together with a 2 cent Canadian postage due stamp of 1935.



Brunei Taxed mail

Underpaid registered airmail letter (most likely philatelic) from Kuala Belait, Brunei to New York, USA. Postage of \$1.80 paid. Postmarked 22 November 1947.

Airmail rates from Brunei post war prior to 1953 are not known. However the rate from Malaya was \$1.00 per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. If the rate from Brunei was the same (due to the common BMA period) and if it was a double rate letter then the total cost should have been \$2.15 including the registration fee. This would have left an underpayment of 35 cents.

Previously unrecorded Kuala Belait "T" marking

Manuscript "40 ctms" used to denote underpaid postage in gold centimes. On reverse;

Singapore transit marking of 28 November 1947 New York airport transit marking of 4 December 1947 Staten Island arrival marking of 5 December 1947

Total transit period 13 days.

There is no indication that postage due was charged on arrival in the US.

